Sprague Electric Company Now Official Name

Colonel Whitesides Thanks Gas Mask Employees For Splendid Contribution To War Effort

Urges All to Continue Productive Efforts On Other Vitally Needed War Items

On this page and on page six we publish Colonel Whitesides’ letter and the reply of President R. C. Sprague covering the announcement by the War Department of the termination of the Chemical Warfare Contracts against which we have been producing gas masks for the Chemical Warfare Service. Our readers will also be interested in the editorial article on page two on the same subject.

WAR DEPARTMENT
Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District
Boston, Massachusetts

Mr. Robert C. Sprague
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I am extremely sorry to advise that production under your contract with this District for the assembly of gas masks is to be halted on 30 April 1944. As you realize, the Chemical Warfare Service has been making gas masks of different types for some time, and it is now felt that the stockpile is sufficient to suspend further production.

This cutback should by no means be taken by you or friends of the company as a reflection upon the work of your company. On the contrary, your employees have done a good job, and this District is sorry to lose contact with them. However, you must continue in their productive efforts on other items in order to make certain that all of the vital equipment, of which there is a shortage, will be made. Only through the continued productive efforts of each individual employee can the fighting men be backed up with the equipment necessary for victory.

Very truly yours,

S. E. WHITSEIDES, JR.
Colonel, Chemical Warfare Service
Commanding Officer

Announcements have been sent to suppliers and customers, to trade journals and other publications, and as complete a change-over in company printed material has been made as possible. Printed forms of all kinds that do not go outside the company plants will be used up and then imprinted with the new name when new supplies are needed. Employees and friends of the company are urged to acquaint themselves with this change in name as rapidly as possible. Please use the new name SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY on all occasions, from now on, in doing business with or referring to the company.

LEARNING THEIR JOB

Explaining the workings of bomb bay on an AT-11 bombing plane.

ABSENTEEISM

The soldier wins battles when he is on the job — and we at home can help him win by always being on the job too! Absenteeism never won a war!
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"Every Sprague Worker is an Assistant Reportor."

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT ARRANGES TRANSFER FOR GAS MASK EMPLOYEES

The Personnel office has made every effort to arrange transfers for all workers before anyone is laid off in the process of closing down the Gas Mask Division. Those who are still working, know what positions they are going to take over when the final transition is made — thus little, if any time will be lost in going from one position to another.

The Gas Mask personnel has been most cooperative in working out these transfers, and have accepted the necessity of these transfers shifts, transfers, and in making new arrangements at home, with good grace and excellent spirit.

A few Gas Mask workers have decided to take their regular vacations, on the shutting down of the Gas Mask Division and they will be assigned new positions immediately upon their return. It is expected that all employees from the Gas Mask Division will accept new positions and continue to work in the continuation of the war effort.

Wall-Streeter Shoe Company Expects to Re-Employ All Gas Mask Workers

Since 1940, the Wall-Streeter Shoe Company has cooperated with the Sprague Electric Company in the high-
degree in carrying out the requirements of the Chemical Warfare Division in the manufacture of light weight gas masks. Mr. James Wall, president of the Wall-Streeter Shoe Company states that his firm is hoping that practically all of the workers in the Wall-Streeter section of the Gas Mask Division will transfer to the Shoe Company. It is engaged in the filling of war contracts. It is his belief that his Company will be able to take care of all such employees who decide to continue the type of work they are doing, and thus maintain their contribution to the war effort.

What's In A Name?

When a name is locked up by a reputation for sincerity, quality and ability the result is a 'good name.' The aims and performance of the Sprague Company over the years have been high. Its reputation with customers and suppliers is as good as it is ever been. In its dealings with the trade and with its employees the company strives to be fair at all times and to be as generous as economic, competitive and legal restric-
tions will permit. In assuming the name of SPRAGUE ELECTRIC COMPANY the primary reason is to conduct the business of the company under a name more clearly describes the business than does the word Specialties. The result we trust, will be to make a 'good name 'better'.

The Log Receives Congratulations

Mr. Fred Windover received a very complimentary letter recently from the Pro-pyle-lactic Brush Company, and has consented to publish it.

Dear Mr. Windover:

Thank you very much for the letter of your "Vickey Log" and your nice letter. In regard to commenting on your paper, I'm sure, whatever we do, we hope we'll be able to reach a small group of people every now and then. I think it will be a good idea to have records and the like. Perhaps we'd like to see you receive your re-publication regularly. The best we can do will be looking forward to hearing from you again.

With best wishes,

Fred Pro-pyle-lactic Brush Company
Jack Helency

Hot Meals Now Available

Hot meals are now available at the Brown Street Cafeteria. After an

avoidable delay of almost four months, a modern steam table has now been installed at the Brown Street Cafeteria, and hot meals are being served.


Sgt. Ladd Formerly of Writing an Open Letter

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MEMO

SPEAKERS AT GASMASK FAREWELL DINNER

Roar of Bombers

I light a cigarette and assume the most restful posture I can on my own

hook, but in the distance, the country-side is lighted up as though it were
daylight. Still I do not hear any air raid warning, but I have been in

trouble, for he has been driven from his original line of flight, and seems to

be heading back to his own territory. The roaring of motors diminishes and we

hear the ticking of time as we are nearing the end of the night. The

barracks are lit up as a glow of light is seen. It is apparent that we have

come to the last hour of this great war. We have reached the time to

announce victory in Europe and the war is almost over.

"Of the Employees,—by the Employees,—for the Employees."

Pit, Wm. P. Hefley, stationed in England, son of Margaret of Re-

sistors.
Visit to Plant Increases Interest in Work

Mrs. Gladys Taylor and Mrs. Kitty Taylor of Rutland, Vt., are mica cutters in the Vermont Marble Company in Pittsfield, Mass., a division of Sprague Electric Company. They wondered what became of all the mica they cut. They understood that it went into the making of condensers—but could not imagine further. They asked about what the finished product looked like.

Because of their interest, a special trip was arranged for them at the Brown Street plant by Mr. Al Hamer of the Engineering department. Mr. Hamer told them many interesting facts about the way the mica is used, and was kept busy answering their numerous questions as to: "What is that?" and "Why do you do that?" The ladies were much interested and very much surprised at the many operations involved in making up one mica section.

After the inspection, Madeleine Tayl-
or and Miss Betty Taylor were the house-guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hamer of State Road.

More than echoes have reached the Brown Street plant from the return of the Vermont guests to their home, for they not only enjoyed themselves, but they were so much impressed with the processing that they have increased their own production and enthused their co-workers as well.

Allison Speaks on Radar

Mr. William Allison of the Beaver Laboratory spoke before the members of the Methodist Men’s Forum on April 18th. His topic for the occasion was radar.

Radio Review

The Radio Log featured Mr. Rod McAlpine in Radio Review.

"Maleguena" and "Le Petit Ane Blanq" were sung appealingly by Mrs. Charles Lasher and the choral group, with Etta Owen, of Pittsfield. The program closed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and singing the National Anthems.

Sprague Radio ‘Log’

In Drury Thumbs Up Benefit

Among 1,000 persons witnessed the special edition of the Sprague Electric Company, assisted by Drury band at the special broadcast of The Log from the Stage of Drury High School, April 15th.

Progress of Sprague Company Described by Rod McAlpine in Radio Review

April 11th on the Radio Log, following an introduction of Rod McAlpine to the radio audience, Editor Whitten asked Rod if he first worked for the company in Quincy, Mass.

McAlpine: Yes, Ed. I started working for the Sprague Company in 1929. What was your first job, Rod?

McAlpine: Well, my first jobs, or jobs, was in the assembly of Paper Filter condensers. Later, I was supervisor of one of the assembly lines.

Whitten: Tell us something about your impressions of the company, at that time.

McAlpine: I heard the story of the growth of the company, and how it started to manufacture with but three people in 1926. Later, the company moved to larger quarters and added other workers. Then, the company moved into an office building in Quincy, occupying one floor, and later two floors. I had seen some of this expansion, and naturally, I was impressed. At that time, there were only four manufacturing departments—Bakelite, business and stock market crash failed to stop the Company. They moved to North Adams, to another factory with room for future expansion.

Whitten: So you came to North Adams. Is that where you always worked, or was there anything for you to do?

McAlpine: As you know, jobs were scarce in 1929, and I thought I had a good future if I went along with a young, growing concern.

Whitten: You were correct about that. And now, will you tell us something about the highlights of the first five years?—say, 1930-1935?

Years After 1935

McAlpine: Well, in 1930, the manufacturer of 100 electrolytic condensers was started—along with the continued use of the paper condensers. Later, the dry electrolytic condensers were added, and as the years went by, other lines were added. Some of the products manufactured in those years no longer exist today, due to being either unprofitable or lack of suitable markets.

By 1938, Sprague was manufacturing a full line of all types of condensers for radio and industrial purposes and had a peak at that time, of 1,900 workers. After this period, there have been times when lack of business had thrown large numbers of workers out of work, as happened during the depression years, but the company, after each set-back, has steadily gone forward, expanding and adding new products to its line of manufacture. You see, Sprague has a very well organized organization, and has been able to continually increase facilities and manufacture new products.

Whitten: And how did all this progress and expansion affect the Company’s products?

McAlpine: Well, the quality of the products, paper condensers, dry electrolytic condensers, mica condensers and others, have been steadily improved through extensive engineering, rigorous manufacturing control and engineering training. Also, the volume of units produced has been steadily increased.

Whitten: And I suppose there have been even greater changes since we entered the war?

McAlpine: Yes, Ed. The greatest changes have taken place during this war period. Our products have all been radically changed to meet the new and more rigid requirements. You can see what that has meant—new layouts of departments, new equipment to manufacture the products—returning and training workers, and many other varied problems.

At present, there are over 3,000 employees in three plants here in North Adams.

Receive Army Navy “E” Awards

The workers at Sprague’s deserve, certainly, a lot of credit. The coveted Army Navy “E” was awarded them on February 27, 1943 with attendant ceremonies just last Tuesday, this Company and this name connects the connection in North Adams goes back to the final decision to locate here.

Sprague Radio ‘Log’

In Drury Thumbs Up Benefit

Richard Ziter, also from Drury, expertly played two piano selections—"Malaguena" and "Le Petit Ane Blanq." Mrs. Virginia Spencer, a former Sprague worker highlighted the broadcast with a monologue, and Lawrence Madison, gave a masterful interpretation of "Gounod’s ‘Soweti’", with the sympathetic assistance of the choral group.

With perfect timing, under the direction of Mr. Seldon and Mr. Windsor, and with the assistance of the Drury Band, the broadcast was brought to a close. After a brief intermission, the Drury students presented their minstrel show with Mr. John Kelly, people working in the role of interlocutor, assisted by a phoning of choruses of over 100 voices and music. James Dougherty, Bernard Lauer, David Beld, Richard Ziter, Mandy Tyler and George Haldenwanger, and soloists, Jane Windsor, Robert Burgess and Nan Ross. That favorite band—McNamara’s band—was a high light feature of this part of the program, as well as the tap dancing of Miss Ann Gay. The program closed with cast and audience giving the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and singing the National Anthems.
**SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG**

**PERFECTION IS VITAL --**

_Writes A. Scerbo_

March 27, 1944

**South Pacific**

Men and Women of Sprague's,

For the wonderful job you have done and are doing, I wish to extend my congratulations. The growth of Sprague's since 1940, when I worked there, must be tremendous.

Since 1940, when I enlisted in the Air Corps, it has been my good fortune to be in communications. During the past four years while performing my duties as a radio operator and maintenance man I have seen many of Sprague's products in the equipment. Here in the South Pacific, where due to terrific heat, the conditions is general which are adverse to the proper functioning of all communications equipment, only perfection in material and workmanship of the many parts that go into the assembly of this equipment can “take it.” For two years under these conditions I have seen Sprague's condensers take it with not a single break-down. I feel certain that you will be proud to hear this, but I am doubly proud because my mother and brother are helping to make those condensers. Yes, you at Sprague's are doing a great job. Not only are you producing the things which are of vital importance in this war, but by your financial support in the purchasing of “war bonds” you have helped to finance the war.

My mother has sent me a few copies of the Log and I think they’re great. The editor and staff have done a fine job with it. Until I received those copies I didn’t realize that so many of Sprague’s old employees were in the “service.” It felt like “old home work” for me to see the photos and read of the activities of so many of my old friends.

While I was on the “Coral” many of the fellows received copies of the Log for which they were responsible. The fellows were constantly glad to get them and I thank you in their behalf.

If all goes well, I hope to be back in little old N.A. sometime in the near future. (3 or 4 months if my luck holds out.)

I am doing I believe I can say this for all of us who are on the battle fronts all over the world. You back us up, and we won’t let you down. Sincerely yours,

Albert D. Scerbo

**SENDSCARDS GREETINGS**

March 31, 1944

_Dear Miss Owen:_

Just a few lines to let you know I am receiving the Sprague Log regularly. It certainly is good to get one way out here and read about friends at the Plant. Keep on sending it! My address has been changed since the first of the year. I wish I could tell you something, but we just can’t. All I can say is that it is very hot out here. I have done a lot of swimming and am getting a sun tan. I see the Log that some of the girls I used to work with have joined the service. I wish you all the luck in the world. All the luck to the whole gang in the Formation and Plating Departments and give my address to anybody that needs it. I have done a lot of swimming and am getting a sun tan. I see the Log that some of the girls I used to work with have joined the service. I wish you all the luck in the world. All the luck to the whole gang in the Formation and Plating Departments and give my address to anybody that needs it. I have done a lot of swimming and am getting a sun tan. I see the Log that some of the girls I used to work with have joined the service. I wish you all the luck in the world. All the luck to the whole gang in the Formation and Plating Departments and give my address to anybody that needs it.

_Sincerely._

John Miles

_Pvt. Dicy Dhulowski and Pvt. Jean Whitney of the U.S.M.C.U.R. have been assigned to Camp Lejune, N.C. Both girls worked at Marshall Street before enlisting._

**FUTURE**

_What the Pacific Islander Will Wear_

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_Dear God, this is a prayer I Ask that you give Your help to our friends that if there is a single thing in Arrange it, please, so that It may happen to some good friends. If a ship is coming to our aid, I wish I could tell you something, but we just can’t. All I can say is that it is very hot out here. I have done a lot of swimming and am getting a suntan. I see the Log that some of the girls I used to work with have joined the service. I wish you all the luck in the world. All the luck to the whole gang in the Formation and Plating Departments and give my address to anybody that needs it. I have done a lot of swimming and am getting a suntan. I see the Log that some of the girls I used to work with have joined the service. I wish you all the luck in the world. All the luck to the whole gang in the Formation and Plating Departments and give my address to anybody that needs it._

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Families Receive Purple Heart

A Purple Heart has been awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tatro, because of injuries received by their son Ernest, somewhere in Northern Africa, and to Mrs. Loretta Plankey Januska, whose husband, Sgt. Anthony Januska has been seen action on the African and Italian fronts. The nature of the injuries of either Tatro or Januska is not known. Leo Tatro is guard at the Beaver Plant, and Anthony was formerly in Owens Department.

My and Mrs. Henry Anderson received a paper published on shipboard where their son P. H. Anderson, Yoe-
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Dan Riker writes to the Machine Shop: "Hi Gang. I am fine. Thanks for the Camels, and bin, it feels good to know the boys back home think of me once in a while. Thans again, Dan.

Pet. Warren Payne, formerly of shipping, and husband of Rosetta at the Resistor Shipping Department has arrived in North Africa.

"Good Luck"—from Wm. Kszewski

Dear Fellow-workers:

Just received my copy of the Log and oh boy! did it make a guy feel swell. I am pleased to know that my fellow-workers are getting everything in for victory. It helps to know that the gang back home are behind one. I just moved from New England to where I am now...So long and Good Luck to all of you.

Lon Wieneck Writes

Dear Mr. Washburn:

It is time that I wrote and thank you for the Log I have been receiving each month, and I am very grateful. I enjoy reading it and it brings me closer to old friends at the shop.

I used to think that Mt. Greylock in the hills of Tennessee where we used to live, was more rugged than where you are going to get shells?

Thank you for your letter...I am sure we will all sight to see, and it be.

"Good Luck" to the gang back home. Tell the gang "hello" for me, and that I hope to be a third class Petty officer next month.

Your sailbro. friend,

George Goodly

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Dear Miss Owen:

A fine to tell you that myself, wife, and our New Year's offerings are feeling fine! I have forgotten the address of Mr. Garceau-so would you be kind and thank him for sending the cigarettes—and thanks a million for sending me the香烟. The nature of the injuries of either Tatro or Januska is not known.

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Part of a camp near Munda Battle Field.

Olympia DePaoli Writes the Gang Back Home

Hi Boys!

Here I am in Florida, not just for the winter, either. The Sunshine is swell! We have a wonderful base here —in fact, I think we have more fun here than I ever did back home,—where else could you go out and practice shooting and have no worries about where you are going to get shells?

Thanks for the cigarettes. It is swell of you fellows. I didn't get to know all of you, but hope to some day and repay all of you. The Sprague Log is also very much appreciated.

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Hope to see you in a couple of months or sooner.

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Olympia DePaoli Writes the Gang Back Home

Hi Boys!

Here I am in Florida, not just for the winter, either. The Sunshine is swell! We have a wonderful base here —in fact, I think we have more fun here than I ever did back home,—where else could you go out and practice shooting and have no worries about where you are going to get shells?

Thanks for the cigarettes. It is swell of you fellows. I didn't get to know all of you, but hope to some day and repay all of you. The Sprague Log is also very much appreciated.

We just get through reading it, and see where the Machine Shop has a good bowling team. I would like to congratulate them on winning the second-half of the tournament.

Hope to see you in a couple of months or sooner.

Yours truly,

Simp.
Colored S. E. Whitesides, Jr.
Boston Chemical Warfare Procurement District
Room 500, 72 Federal Street
Room 10, Mass.
Dear Colonel Whitesides:

This is to acknowledge with sincere appreciation your letter of April 8th on the termination of Chemical Warfare Contracts against which we have been producing gas masks for the Chemical Warfare Service.

Production cutbacks, terminations and schedule revisions we try to take as day to day occurrences, but in this case it means the termination of most pleasant and, we think, effective contacts with one branch of the service. We are happy that our contribution has resulted in a stockpile now sufficient to suspend further production of gas masks. We note from your letter that production will be limited from here on to a very few plants throughout the country and we would like you to know that if at any time we can be of assistance to those plants, you have only to contact us.

Through your cooperation, we are scheduling our final production in such a way that all of our employees working in the Gas Mask Department, will be transferred to production on other War Contracts covering items urgently needed for the war effort. All of us realize the urgent need of everyone continuing their productive efforts on war materials and we expressed this thought so well in your letter of April 9th that we hope that Captain Chadbourne will release your fine letter so that we may use it in our press releases.

On behalf of myself, personally, and for the other members of our Organization, I want to again express our appreciation for the effective assistance rendered to us from the very start of negotiations, early in 1940, to date. This expression extends to all your officers as well as the personnel in the Edgewater Arsenal and the Washington Office.

Cordially yours,

SPRAGUE SPECIALITIES COMPANY

By

RUSCD

Scene at Marshall Street Banquet

Seated: Leo La Valley, Cass Ziembak, Anna Carey, Arthur Ceely, Capt. A. Falcione, Elizabeth King, Lt. Leonard Dodge, Lt. Henry Fisher and Marvin Williams. Standing: Harold Carson, Master of Ceremonies, calling first upon Arthur Ceely, who gave a very interesting history of the Sprague Gas Mask itself. Mr. Ceely explained that the gas mask is a defensive equipment, and now that our country is very definitely in an offensive campaign, the need for gas masks has been minimized. His closing words were, "Keep on the offensive, by continuing your efficient work in other departments."

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Marshall Street Holds Farewell Parties

Left to right: Jack Washburn, Helen Gattusso, Charlotte Stevens, Donald Fortini, Arthur Messina, Bessie Leonard, Georgiana Galligan, Exilda Adams and Mitchell NeJame.

Candid snapshot taken by Fred Cowser at the Canister Party on Friday, April 11.

Hello Gang:

I received the letter that you all had a hand in writing me and I want to tell you that my gladness was to know that the old Garg still remembered me. Hope everyone is fine. I am in the best of health. I want to thank each one of you for the friendly lines you wrote and to tell you that it makes a fellow happy to know that he is not forgotten when he leaves a good place like Sprague's.

I receive the Log regularly and want to say that from what I read and hear, everyone is happy that the Garg is a good place to be working. I keep up the good work, Gang, and will give you the Garg a good all-betting!

In case Jean, Daisy and Ike are still there, I want to tell them to send my address just as soon as they get stationed. And I want to wish them the best of luck in their new jobs. It won't be as easy as it was at Sprague's, but I know they will come through with flying colors. Good luck. Please put my address in the Log.

One of the Gang,

Halle Elgan

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC VICTORY LOG

By Ruth Haskins

About 75 members of the Gas Mask Dept. attended a farewell dinner party, held April 10th, at Florini's Italian Gardens, in observance of the closing of the department.

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Partition Patter

By Arthur Clossen

We are all glad to hear that Ruth's husband Pfc. Owen Morrissey has arrived safely somewhere in Italy. Welcome back Anne, we missed you sunny smile.

We heard the familiar, "What's cooking?" now is, "What's cooked?" to which Ruth as usual eagerly responded in spirit and share other's lunch box.

What have we, our usual group of gals? Not as it is, just the usual Friday haidoos for a glamour-puss work end.

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Maybe there is something in it after all.

SAFE WORKING HABITS ARE THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST ACCIDENTS

Marshall Street Plant Receives V-Mail

Mrs. Haskins:

Just a few lines to let you know that Lam feeling fine and hope you are the same.

Well here I am in North Africa, waiting for some action. When that happens I will let you know. How is everybody in the shop.

Hope to hear from you soon.

A friend,

Leo La Valley

Springfield Electric Victory Log

By Ruth Haskins

March 8, 1941

V-Mail from some far-off places with Gertrude Whippeil for the loss of her brother, who passed away a short while ago.

Geography the New Way

By Arthur Charron

By Ruth Haskins

This global war in which our country is engaged, certainly proving to be a remarkable brush-up lesson in geography. With our husbands, sweethearts and brothers or sons scattered all over the world, and writing us about the characteristics and custom of those countries, we are getting our geography in a vital manner. At rest periods and during your free time, it is not at all uncommon to hear girls discussing the relative merits of some far-off lands in which relatives are stationed.

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Song Hits of Silver Mica:

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**Fern Noll**

All or Nothing At All

Bob Mann

I Only Went A Buddy 'N

A Secret

Wait Evening

Honey, I'm In Love With You

Leo Barriere

My Pa's Off to the Silver Show

Dot Goyda

Little Man You've Got A Busy Day

Larry H.

I'm Seeing Myself For You

Kay McCann

Silver Wings in the Moonlight

Lucy Mastroltano

Are You All In My Heart

Thelma Patterson

Don't Sunnset Mr. Mary Coffill

Where There's You There's Me

Lucy and Esther

There's No Place Like Home

Harriet Morgan

I Couldn't Sleep A Week Last Night

Dot Boutwell

I Get the Blues When It Rains

G. Brundige

**Fine Record**

Former Filter Group: Dever

Robert Fulton, Lorna Lomerino and Pete Mancuso.

**Silver Mica**

Dot and Ray

Fern Noll has returned from a ten-day's vacation spent in Wellesley, Mass. and Plymouth, N. H.

Thelma Patterson spent a week end in Springfield visiting friends—at least that's what she told us!

Has anyone got a backdrop to be cleaned? We hear that Mary and "Uncle Louie" do a pretty good job!

If you hear any groans from Silver Mica, it's just Kay McCann and Thelma Patterson complaining of some muscles from walking home from work—well as for Blackinton, anyway!

Rachel Biquard has left the Silver Mica and is planning to move to Stafford Spring—soon—Good Luck Rachel.

Leo Barriere is still making trips to Gycleek. We wonder—since skating is over.

We notice that Kay Haskins is wearing a service bar with two stars.

Are they really for her two brothers or could they be for Howard and Paul?

**NOTICE**

We wish to call your attention to the signs in the Cafeteria, requesting that no silver or dished be taken from the Cafeteria itself.

**Mica Assembly**

By Betty Boursion

A party was held Saturday in honor of Harold Fornholts, of Mica Finishing Department. Harold was presented with a set of muskets from his co-workers. "Juke" Ed-Lumme gave him a presentation speech.

The party was arranged by Gladys Foster, and Helen Johnson. Harold hopes to be selected for the Navy. Good luck, Harold, and may God bring you back safe and sound to spraygun again.

**A Tribute to a Real American**

On April 5th, Mr. Charles Slade, Industrial Oil Dept., will be 72 yrs. old. During his work at spraygun's, he has worked behind and forth from his home in Stamford, Vt. His unusual vitality and good health has enabled him to complete his time in the shop without any illness.

We are glad to see Margaret Cutler back. We hope her mother is feeling much better.

Congratulations are in order for Nancy Brown who is to be married May 4th to Carl Harkey of the Wire-Coating Department.

**Second Shift**

By Carolyn Barbeau

We Could Do Without:

Mrs. Rattenbury's English accent.

Doris Arenta's curviness.

Dot Grant's blushing.

Veda's singing.

Connie's quietness.

Pat Shaffer's company.

Mary ElDonna's smiles.

Pat Collins' laughs.

Betty Green's voice.

Blanche's foolishness.

Ruth and Venie's rest periods togeth.

Helen's steady work.

Elsie's campy humor.

Clare's watching for a certain fellow downtown.

Miss Al's advice.

Mary Alice Keefer and Mrs. Dobie not working near Doris.

The girls' faces don't dressing alike.

The Adriance twins' jokes.

**Resistor Notes**

By Ceciela Grenier

Girls! Have you heard about the radio star that has been moved down to Brown Street? Yes, you guessed it. It's none other than Mr. John Pierce. Welcome to Brown Street "John Oeppe, watch out Adkile, you'll fall again, and two pairs of stockings in one day is too much.

The welders can relax now. Jack Shields didn't have the chicken-pox. Who are the two unfortunate girls who got stuck for I.F.P. and F.P.'s, lunches every Saturday? Wise up, girls.

Our charming Hostess on the Sprague Radio Log, April 11th, was none other than our own Pat. Silliams of Mr. Dooves Office. Remember her as Esmahlia? With such a charming radio voice Pat can expect to be called on N.R.C. any time now. Or have you heard of the Hollywood Pat? Poor me, I'm in for a go at, Delia's bark. Harry bark Frank, the girls all miss you.

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**Wiring News**

First Shift -- Lee Reese

We welcome "Little Pig" back again, after a trip to visit her "Air Corps" husband.

Jean Herman is back with us again after an illness of several days.

Bill Batterdyke is favoring one knee a bit. Why does the other guy look, Bill? I'm sorry, it was an accident, wasn't it? Homer will be all well again. He sounds like the old Homer, complete with stories, etc.

We all say thanks for our drinking fountain. Queer, how thirsty we used to be.

Our favorite man, Mr. C. Earle W., is back, after a few days visit to Connecticut. We missed your cheerful "Good morning!" Mr. W.

Second Shift -- C. Prangdon

Emily Anderson (alias 11324) recently spent a well-earned vacation with her family. We'll be glad to see you back, Emily.

Isabel Farley and her brother Brendan, home on furlough from the Army, spent Easter week end in New York City. We understand they had a great time.

Those damn unreliable drawstrings! Oh well, Rita, everything is going to be alright, now. The Army Air Corps guarantees those metal safety devices—why, they claim they even keep themselves clean.

Third Shift -- Mary Rosse

A recent visitor to our department was none other than our former co-worker, Merchant Marine John Heywood. He certainly does look tops in uniform. His visit was greatly enjoyed by all.

Here's hoping Tillie Barnes will be back with us soon. We miss you, Tillie.

Ruthie is back after playing "Little Mother." She certainly performed her role perfectly, according to what we heard. How did you like it, Ruthie?

A card was received from Rita, who is visiting her husband, Lt. Walter Sundzowski, at a hospital in Virginia. Here's hoping everything will be fine.

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**Constance Marino and Mildred "Pumma" of Brown Payroll Dept., enjoy the last of the Skiing.**

**Engagements**

The engagement is announced of Miss Mabel Trombley and Mr. Gordon Hurley of the U. S. Navy. Mr. Hurley formerly worked in the Mica Department, Brown Street.

Miss Edith Lutthen of the Personnel Office announces her engagement to Mr. Harold Pratt. No date has been set for their marriage.

Miss NancyBruno of the Resistor's has announced her engagement to Mr. Carl Harkey of Wire Coating.
SPORTS
By Walt Carpenter and Kenny Russell . . .

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

The Dusty Bowling League has seen some quiet changes in the past weeks. The Marshall A. C. has rapidly moved from third place until now it is resting on the top rung. This team has taken 11 out of 12 possible points to surge to the top. With the Marshall A. C., there are 3 points better than the Horn's Taxi entry, the Sprague Brown St. bowlers are 6 points behind the Taxi team. The remaining teams in the league are hopelessly outdistanced and only have the slightest mathematical chance of reaching into the top-place positions. Next week will be a deciding meeting in determining the final position of the teams.

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LOSING TEAM CONGRATULATES THE WINNING TEAM

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By Alyce O'Brien

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